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**Notice of Hearing**  
**ADOPTION OF INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION for**  
**2008 BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS**

Notice is hereby given that the California Energy Commission proposes to adopt the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Upon adoption of the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, proposed revisions to the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6 (also known as the California Energy Code) and associated administrative regulations in Part 1 will also be brought before the full Energy Commission for adoption.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008**

10 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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**Availability of Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

The proposed Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration for the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (written in plain English and set forth in a format that indicates affected portions of the existing text and the proposed amendments to the text) is posted on the Energy Commission's website at:

[\[www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/rulemaking/documents\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/rulemaking/documents).

The information is also available from the Energy Commission's Buildings and Appliances Office. For copies of the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration in hard copy, contact Linda Franklin at (916) 654-4064 or by e-mail at

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## **Background**

The California Environmental Quality Act , Public Resources Code, Sections 21000, et seq. (hereinafter "CEQA"), requires the Energy Commission to identify and consider the environmental impacts that may occur as a result of adopting revisions to the existing building standards (Title 24, Parts 1 and 6). Energy Commission staff has completed an analysis of the environmental impacts of the proposed 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards for residential and nonresidential buildings and outdoor lighting. Issues of air emissions, noise, volatile organic compounds, and materials use were considered. The Initial Study and Environmental Check List prepared by Commission Staff identified no potentially significant impacts on the environment.

Additionally, the Energy Commission sent out a Notice of Intent under section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines of title 14, California Code of Regulations. The notice provided a public review period from November 16, 2007 to December 23, 2007, which complied with the CEQA Guidelines under section 15073 of not less than 30 days review process. On December 17, 2007 the Energy Efficiency Committee held a hearing to receive public comments on the Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration. No comments have been received as of this date disagreeing with Staff's analysis, conclusion, and recommendation. Therefore, staff is recommending that the Commission adopt the Negative Declaration. Staff will prepare under the CEQA Guidelines section 15075 a Notice of Determination, to be filed with the State Clearinghouse five working days after Commission adoption.

## **Energy Commission Contact Person for Procedural and Administrative Questions**

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

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Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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## **Public Participation**

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you would like information on how to participate in this hearing, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489, toll free at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [[pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us)].

If you have a disability and require special accommodations, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 (five days prior to the public hearing).

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Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.